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INHIBITOR ANTIRETROVIRAL THERAPY AND GUIDING  
THERAPEUTIC DECISIONS IN THE TREATMENT OF  
HIV/AIDS

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**In the Claims:**

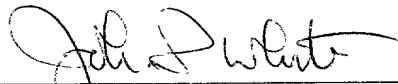
Please cancel claims 1-97, 113, 118-120, and 122 without prejudice or disclaimer to applicants' right to pursue the subject matter of these claims in a future continuation or divisional application.

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If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, applicants' undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone at the number provided below.

No fee other than the filing fee of \$380.00 is deemed necessary in connection with this Preliminary Amendment. However, if any other fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

Respectfully submitted,



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